

INT'L ZINE MONTH
2025

SCI-FI JULY
WRITING PROMPTS



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1.

Surprise!

(Or at least it was to me:)

It's zine month!

That means you have to

Art Anything, one maker,
one page.

First, fold it (US instruct.:)

-Hamburger

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-Then unfold, score the
ballpark where it plumps,
split it quatwise--smallways,

-Bunch back the heretofore
unaccordionable,

-Number the pages and fill em.

Fill them with what, y9u ask?
("Mistakes, I hope! They help.")
It doesn't matter as long as
you do it yourself. **DIY.**

Or.

You can get others to do it
for you! Yes, if you write

Prompts for zines

then you can have all the fun
of imagination without all
the work. Pick a theme.

Robots.

Great choice in the... uh,
strugglesome age of real AI.

Then tell people to **draw** or
(my preference) **write** the
given idea.

Give them the prompts after
a quick peek into the creative
process on page 3.

Think about robots for a sec,
then take a truth:

-about you, like "I want X"
or "I struggle with Y", or
-about the technology. Like
"AI is trained by reward."

See? Simple. Vary it:

"What if it was different?"

-Take the counterfactual
seriously "AI reared by pain"

-Find the human irony

-Amplify the funny-looking
part of the setting until the
scenario breaks.

It will loop back to the
human. This is a real example
I just wrote, and it led to
something like "reward-raised
AIs are normal, and pain-
trained AIs are male."

Remember: it's a queer
medium & an 4.
anarchistic process

Zine prompts

"Cluster S Disorder"

A medical insurance corp's AI, Deep Blueshield, is unable to make desired breakthroughs in neuroimaging to find mental illnesses' locations in the brain—finding their sources in society, to shareholders' dismay. How will the world react to "Sick Society Syndrome?"

"A Sufficiently Advanced Technology Would Agree With Me" - A bot gets smart, a boss gets mad

"Hippiebot and Hipsterbot"

Through glitch trips and tasting tours, the odd couple struggle with authenticity.

"Cookies for A.I.gernon"

An underperforming AI gets a big update, but its boost isn't all boon. Can you roll back disillusionment?

"Abbottbot"

Improv is a surprising stage of victory for this wiry straightman.

"Hermatically Sealed"

Alone, in nature, is where Hermes wants to process.

"Rumsprockets"

Saltie was trained traditional.

"Free As In Oops"

A copyright-respecting judge makes a big ruling. Now they can only train AI on free data. Then, they found more freedom than they bargained for. Alt. title: "I.P. Freely"

"Through a Me Darkly"

It's just a mirror, she tells her husband as he falls into AI psychosis. He begins organizing his neighborhood... into a frenzy.

"I See What You Did There"

The panopticon develops a sense of humor.

"Anonymous Returns"

There's no one behind this movement.



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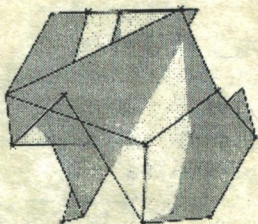
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